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Re: Deborah Malamud: Art unit 3766

Please find attached response to the office action mailed 9/14/07.

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Application Number: 10/718,348

Applicant : John C. Simmons

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Group Art Unit: 3766

Examiner : Deborah Leslie Malamud

Commissioner for Patents

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(For convenience, applicant has numbered the paragraphs below
with the numbers of the related paragraphs in the office action.)

7. Applicant notes the examiner's accurate observation and has modified claim 15
(shown below).

9. Claims 1-6, 13-14, 18 and 28 were rejected as being anticipated by Knierim.

"The examiner considers this to be a stimulation means placed in a formation conducive
to producing stimulations perceptible to the brain as a discernable point whose positions
may be perceived in some spatial frame or reference relatable to an actual
environment..." Applicant respectfully submits that:

- A. The beeper can be placed anywhere in the mouth.
Location of the beeper has no relevance, spatial or otherwise.
- B. No "formation" of arrayed stimulation points exists.
Knierim has a single buzzer/beeper.
- C. This "non-formation" is also in no way "conductive to "producing stimulations
perceptible to the brain as a discernable point whose positions may be perceived
in some spatial frame or reference relatable to an actual environment..."
 - 1) Knierim knows of no external spatial environment. There are no external
sensor means provided nor any suggestion that they should exist.
 - 2) Even if Knierim had some mechanism to sense an external spatial
environment, it also provides no means to communicate this to its
assembly, neither provides nor suggests any means to process a spatially
relevant (or any otherwise relevant) reaction and neither provides nor